



MSBOA NEWS

November 2019

See the articles below for official news from the Mississippi State Board of Architecture regarding the regulation of architecture, landscape architecture, and certified interior design.

Governor Appoints Members

Governor Phil Bryant recently appointed or reappointed ten members to the Board of Architecture and its Committees:

Board of Architecture

Leigh Jaunsen, Ocean Springs (replacing Michael Boerner)
Richard H. McNeel, Jackson

Landscape Architecture Advisory Committee

Gary Haygood, Madison (replacing Temple Barry)
Alan Hoops, Madison (replacing Robert Mercier)
Jim A. Jackson, Jackson
Jon Milstead, Tupelo (replacing Frank Alley)

Interior Design Advisory Committee

Jessica J. Cecil, Ocean Springs (replacing Sheryl Fox)
Paula B. DeYoung, Clinton (replacing Deborah Holstein)
Timothy G. Geddie, Jackson (replacing Al Lawson)
Beth R. Miller, Louisville

Welcome to all our new members, and thank you to those who have served in the past!

A complete list of Board and Committee members is available on the Board's [website](#).

Members and Staff Receive National Recognition

The following members and staff recently received national awards:

National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB)

- Richard H. McNeel, President's Medal for Distinguished Service, 2019

Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB)

- Christopher Hoffman, Past President of CLARB, Presidential Recognition Award, 2018
- Jenny Owen, former Executive Director, Presidential Recognition Award, 2018
- John Cothron, current Executive Director, Presidential Recognition Award, 2019

Board and Committee members and staff continue to serve on committees and in elected offices of national regulatory councils, ensuring that Mississippi has a voice in decisions that impact applicants, interns, and registrants in the state.

Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing Launches

The Alliance for Responsible Professional Licensing (ARPL) launched earlier this year. Founded by a coalition of technical professions and related organizations, including the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) and the Council of Landscape Architectural Registration Boards (CLARB), the Alliance advocates for licensing practices within professions that deliver uniform qualifications, standards, safety, and consistency, while also providing individuals with a clear career path and fair opportunities to pursue and maintain that career. Visit <http://www.responsiblelicensing.org/> for more information.

NCARB Releases Study on Public Perception of Licensure

Data from a recent survey commissioned by NCARB reveals that voters support licensing standards as an important factor in protecting the public health, safety, and welfare. Key findings from the survey revealed that 76% of voters agree professional licensing makes consumers feel safe, and 74% agree professional licensing ensures competent, qualified professionals are serving the public. In addition, 89% of voters agree it is important for architects, specifically, to be licensed. Visit the [NCARB website](#) for more information on this survey.

Sanctions Issued for ARE® Candidate Misconduct

NCARB [announced](#) in February 2019 that eight candidates in New York were sanctioned for violating the Architect Registration Examination® (ARE®) Candidate

Agreement by sharing exam content. To assist candidates in preparing for the exam without violating the Candidate Agreement, NCARB has published an article outlining the "do's and don'ts" of sharing content. Whether you are in the midst of studying for the exam yourself, or are mentoring candidates who are in the pipeline, the article offers great tips on making sure the line isn't crossed. [Read the full article.](#)

Recent Disciplinary Actions

Every effort is made to ensure that the following information is correct. Before making any decision based on this information, you should contact the MSBOA.

*Leonard Scott Booth, Architect #4522
Chapel Hill, North Carolina*

Violations: Lack of responsible control; failure to provide notification that he was not engaged to perform construction administration services; failure to properly secure seal, which included a copy of his signature.

Penalty: \$5,000 fine, of which \$2,500 was suspended; one year of probation with quarterly reports; take and pass jurisprudence exam.

Consent Agreement: February 1, 2019

*Gregory E. Schwerdt, Architect #3357
Topeka, Kansas*

Violation: Failure to report disciplinary actions on renewal.

Penalty: \$2,500 fine, of which \$2,000 was suspended.

Consent Agreement: October 16, 2018

*Tim Van Meter, Unlicensed
San Francisco, California*

Violation: Unlicensed practice of architecture.

Penalty: \$7,500 fine.

Consent Agreement: April 10, 2018

New and Proposed Rules

New architect rules took effect on March 11, 2019. [Click here](#) for a summary of the changes.

Proposed architect rule changes have been filed with the Mississippi Secretary of State and are currently pending. [Click here](#) for a summary of the proposed changes.

Have You Renewed?

Online renewal began on October 1, 2019, for architects and landscape architects, and on November 1, 2019, for certified interior designers. Don't let your registration lapse! Unsure of your registration expiration date? Look it up [here](#). Renewal FAQs are available on our [home page](#).

Upcoming Meetings

Dates, times, and locations for upcoming Board and Committee meetings are available on the [Board's website](#).

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM MSBOA!

The mission of the Mississippi State Board of Architecture is to serve the State of Mississippi by protecting and preserving the life, health and property of the Mississippians who live, work, and play in the built environment through the regulation of the professions of architecture, landscape architecture and certified interior design.

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